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TOPIC Military Information from the Dessau-Rosslau and Kochstedt Posts

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

1. On 14 January 1954, the barracks installation in Rosslau was occupied by about 5,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. On 23 December, about 250 troops with carbines and machine guns were seen leaving the installation toward the demolition area and 4 JS-2 tanks engaged in driving practice in the demolition area. At about 10 p.m. on 28 December, 11 trucks, each mounting a machine gun, left the installation toward Dessau. On 3 January, about 400 troops received field training on either side of the road to Coswig. Trucks, each towing a gun, presumably a 57-mm AT gun, were seen en route toward Coswig. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation

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2. On 14 January, the barracks installation in Kochstedt was occupied by about 4,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and tank insignia. On 30 December, about 30 troops received instruction on 3 presumably 37-mm AA guns and on 6 January, about 300 troops were seen in simulated attacks south of the road to Kochstedt. About 60 troops with 15 field telephones and 6 portable radio sets were seen in the field and about 80 troops received instruction on 4 85-mm AA guns and 3 x 37-mm AA guns in the installation. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation

3. On 14 January, the cantonment east of Gross Kuehnau was occupied by a guard detail of about 50 troops. On 25 December, truck which carried chairs, left the camp toward Rosslau.

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The elements of the 7th Gds  
Tank Div, presumably a motorcycle battalion, which moved into the barracks instal-  
lation in Kochstedt are confirmed

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